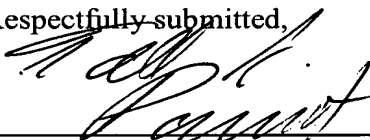


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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for accepting the Information Disclosure Statement. In Response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2005, Applicant has withdrawn claims 1-12 to allow issuance of claims 13-16. As suggested by the Examiner, claims 13 has been re-written in independent form. Applicant will file a continuation application to continue prosecution of withdrawn claims 1-12.

Respectfully submitted,



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